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REFLECTIONS

UPON

Several Passages

In a Book, Entituled,

Satan Disrob'd from his Disguise of
L I G H T.

By **EDMUND ELYS.**



P. 19. **S**Peaking of *Cornelius*, Acts 10. the Author hath these words, "Now what had become
"of him, if he had Died, before he had
"heard of the *Outward Christ*. I will not say, but I
"think, we may safely conclude, That if he had re-
"jected the *Preaching of Peter*, and depended, as the
"Quakers do, upon the *Sufficiency of the Light within*,
"without any thing else, all his former *Righteousness* would
"not have Sav'd him, nor his *Light within*.

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Answer.

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Ans. He could not have Rejected the Preaching of *Peter*, but by **REBELLING** against *The Light within*. I Entreat the Learned Reader to Peruse a Printed Paper of mine, Entituled, "**GEORGE KEITH**" his saying, That the Light within is not Sufficient "without *something else*, Prov'd to be contrary to the "Foundation of the Christian Religion.

P. 42. His (*Danson's*) words are these, "As for their "Participating of the Infallible Spirit (if that were "granted) that infers not a Participation of the Spirit's "Infallibility; as, indeed (says this Author) it does not, "more than of its *Omnipotence, Omniscience*, or any other "of the Divine Attributes.

Ans. Most certainly, the *Participation of the Divine Nature* does imply a Participation of *Omnipotence*, and *Omniscience*, viz. A Power to **KNOW All things**, and to **DO All things**, from Time to Time; which it is our Duty for the Present to Know and Do. This Participation of *Omnipotence*, and *Omniscience*, all those that are Partakers of the *Divine Nature*, as such, are, most certainly Endued withal by the Father of Lights, the Fountain of all Goodness: And it is Impossible they should Err so far, as they Adhere to the Spirit of Truth.

W. P. declares the *Quakers* Meaning in these words in his *KEY*, p. 7. "They say, the Principle is Pure, "Perfect, Unerrable in it self, or else it were unfit to "lead Men out of Error and Impurity to Heaven: But "they never did assert themselves such, meerly, because "it was in them; by no means: But that all who "are led by it, are so far Perfect, and so far Infallibly in "the Right Way, as they are led by it, and no jot farther.

P. 66. "This shews us the Heart of the *Quakers*,
 "who are not satisfied with the *Influences, and Inspi-*
 "*ration of Christ*: But will have the very Person of
 "CHRIST within them.

Ans. If CHRIST be the True and Eternal God,
 the very Person of CHRIST, or CHRIST HIM-
 SELF is in All Creatures, and in a Peculiar Manner
 in All Rational Creatures. Every GOOD Motion in
 the Heart and Perception of TRUTH in the Mind
 of Man, comes IMMEDIATELY from the very
 Person of CHRIST, or CHRIST HIMSELF
 In the Soul, or *Inward Man*. Whoever sincerely Be-
 lieves, that CHRIST is the True and Eternal
 GOD, does *Virtually* Believe this: Which he that
Formally and Expressly Believes, finds Infinitely more Joy
 and Satisfaction in the *Explicitness* of that Belief, and
 the KNOWLEDGE of the Daily Effects of it, than
 He could have in all the Learning, that Mankind is
 capable of, without the *Sanctifying Inspiration* of the
 Only Wise GOD, from which nothing can *Exclude*
 us, but the *Perverseness of our own Will*. We do not
 Affirm, that the Body of Christ is otherwise In us,
 than upon this account, that it is In Him, in whom
 are All things; who is as truly and really In us, as
 He is In Heaven. This Doctrine, that the Person of
 CHRIST, or *Christ Himself*, the True and Eternal
 LIGHT is In us, is so far from being the Founda-
 tion of *Errors*, as this Learned Man Asserts, that it is
 the Foundation of All EVANGELICAL Know-
 ledge; but I grant that Every Man has a VIRTU-
 AL, or *Implicit* Knowledge of this Truth, who so
 Trusts in GOD for *Christ's sake*, to cleanse the
 Thoughts of his Heart, by the Inspiration of his *Holy*
Spirit, that Commonly, or *Habitually*, he is in such a
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Temper of Mind, that he wou'd rather lay down his Life, than be Guilty of any KNOWN Sin of Commission, or Omission.

"It is, says this Learned Man, the True and Real
 "Virtue, and Light of Christ, which from him in
 "Heaven is convey'd into our Hearts. And what
 "more would the *Quakers* have? Nothing less than
 "the very Body and Person of CHRIST within
 "them. This is the Foundation of all the *Quakers*
Errors. But say I again, and again: This is the
 Foundation of All Evangelical Knowledge: That JESUS CHRIST is the Foundation of Light in the Souls of Men.

COME LORD JESUS.

F I N I S.